

**BAY AREA POETS COALITION** (est. 1974)

[www.bayareapoetscoalition.org](http://www.bayareapoetscoalition.org)

Please Note: NO regular 1st Saturday read-around in September. Hope you can attend the Labor Day Picnic, which will also feature the debut of the new issue of POETALK. Next 1st Saturday BAPC Open Reading at Strawberry Creek Lodge in Berkeley: October 7, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

BAPC MEMBERS & FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO:

BAPC's 23rd ANNUAL LABOR DAY POTLUCK PICNIC & OPEN POETRY READING

Monday, September 4, 2017, NOON - 4 PM:

LIVE OAK PARK, Berkeley  
1301 Shattuck Ave. at Berryman.  
Area of park between Shattuck and Walnut Streets.

PICNIC AREA #1 - Look for large stone fireplace next to Cordonices Creek that runs through the park, midway between the lawn area and the building/recreation areas. There will be lots of tree shade, 6 picnic tables.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

Ready-to-eat food to share:  
Casseroles, salads, finger foods, desserts, etc.  
Vegetarian options are welcome & appreciated.  
Beverages will be provided (no alcohol is allowed in the park).

Also bring your poems for a read-around.  
We will be sitting on picnic benches, so you might want to bring a cushion, etc.

RSVP if you plan to attend. Also, let us know if you need a ride from NORTH BERKELEY BART.

Note: This event is not open to the public.

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BAPC Members: 1) Are you in favor or re-electing the Board of Directors (listed at the end of this email) for another year's term? All the current Board members are agreeable to carrying on in their current positions. 2) We are looking for some more "Board Members At Large". The Board meets 3-4 times a year for one hour before the monthly open reading. 3) As always, feel free to email ideas/suggestions/comments/questions, etc. to be included in the next Board meeting agenda.

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NOTE re: BAPC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – Requesting that all BAPC members pay annual dues in the early fall. September 1st is the beginning of our fiscal year. Many of you have been paying your dues when you submit your contest entries (9/1-11/15) – please continue to do so, and thank you. Those of you who are not participating in the contest, we request that you send in your dues during the month of September if you are able. Basic annual dues remain at \$15. Donations of any amount are always appreciated. Grateful thanks for your support!!

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BAPC's 38th ANNUAL CONTEST: MAGGI H. MEYER MEMORIAL POETRY CONTEST 2017  
Open for entries September 1 thru November 15, 2017  
Contest rules now available: <https://sites.google.com/site/bayareapoetscoalition/Home/annual-contest>

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UPCOMING for BAPC (save the dates): October 7 and November 4, 3:00 PM – regular 1st Saturday open readings at Strawberry Creek Lodge, 1320 Addison St., Berkeley. And SPECIAL EVENT on Saturday, November 11, 3:00 PM at BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, SOUTH BRANCH which will feature readings from POETALK contributors. More details to be announced soon.

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Write a "POEM-A-DAY" -- Free month-long online poem-a-day prompt class starts at the stroke of midnight August 31 thru September 30. The class name is "SEPTEMBER SPINNAKERS" hosted by JANNIE DRESSER. Please join if you want to infuse your summer/fall transition with new poems, new mental adventures, new emotional explorations and spiritual ramblings. Write everyday or not as often, it's up to you! Sign on or reconnect to [www.nicenet.org](http://www.nicenet.org), with your user name and password, then go to "Join Class" and copy and paste the Class Key: **S379847S66**. Questions: [janniedres@att.net](mailto:janniedres@att.net)

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Saturday, September 2: BEAST CRAWL, 2017, holds its 6th annual literary festival featuring more than 150 writers in a single night, spread over three hours and 40 local galleries, bars, restaurants, cafés, and storefronts. Each leg of the Beast lasts one hour, and offers as many as a dozen readings to choose from. There is a half-hour break between each leg for socializing and relocating.  
<http://beastcrawl.weebly.com/>

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Saturday, September 2, 7:00-9:30 PM: POETRY at LA PROMENADE CAFE, 3643 Balboa St. at 38th Ave., San Francisco (Richmond district, across from The Balboa Theatre). 9/2 Featured Poets: DAN BRADY & WENDY WOLTERS, followed by an OPEN MIC. For further info, contact STEPHANIE MANNING: (510) 295-8498. Website: <http://www.lapromenadecafe.com/events.html>

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Sunday, September 3, 2:00-4:00 PM: First Sunday Poetry Series at ROSANNA'S EUROPEAN DELIGHTS, 305 First St., Benicia. Hosted by JOHANNA ELY, Benicia Poet Laureate. 9/3 Featured Poet: JEREMY CANTOR. OPEN MIC follows with 3 minutes per poet. Everyone is welcome!  
[jelyabc13@yahoo.com](mailto:jelyabc13@yahoo.com)

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Sunday, September 3, 5:00-7:00 PM: POETRY OPEN MIC (every 1st Sunday of the Month) at KAWIKA'S OCEAN BEACH DELI, 734 La Playa St., San Francisco. (415) 221-2031 /  
<http://www.oceanbeachdeli.com/events.php>

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Every Monday, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY EXPRESS at HIMALAYAN FLAVORS RESTAURANT, 1585 University Ave. (at California St.), Berkeley. September features: 9/4: No P.E.; 9/11: TUREEDA MIKELL; 9/18: LENORE WEISS; 9/25: DAVE HOLT. Hosts: BRUCE BAGNELL, JIM BARNARD, JAN DEDERICK, JEANNETTE DESBOINE (J.D.). email: [poetryexpress@gmail.com](mailto:poetryexpress@gmail.com) /  
<http://poetryexpressberkeley.blogspot.com/>

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Monday, September 4: Open Mic sign-up 5:45 PM, Reading begins at 6:15 PM: RIVERTOWN POETS meets monthly at the AQUUS CAFE, 189 H St., Petaluma. 9/4 Labor Day features a read-around with poets BILL VARTNAW, LARRY ROBINSON, and SANDE ANFANG -- followed by OPEN MIC. Open mic readers have up to three minutes to read or recite. Hosted by: SANDRA ANFANG. email: [wrdpntr51@gmail.com](mailto:wrdpntr51@gmail.com) / <https://www.facebook.com/RivertownPoetsAMuseingMondays>

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Tuesday, September 5, 7:00 PM: Mayor TRISH HERRERA-SPENCER will officially appoint ALAMEDA's new Poet Laureates CATHY DANA & GENE KAHANE, who will read their inaugural poems during the meeting of the ALAMEDA CITY COUNCIL at City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda. Immediately following the appointment, the new Poet Laureates will host a reception/celebration next door at the ELKS LODGE downstairs in the Rathskellar. The public is invited to enjoy champagne, nonalcoholic beverages, cake, and desserts. Live music provided by SARA NOAH, VIDA NEU, TOM MCENTYRE, ukulele group TRINITY TROUBADOURS, and more. A short program will include the sharing of the Laureate vision and poems by Alameda students, including ACLC Poet Laureate TRULY EDISON. All are welcome.

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Wednesday, September 6, 1:00-4:00 PM: ELDER VOICES (young ones too!) PERFORMANCE & OPEN MIC SERIES (happening every 1st Wednesday of the month -- Performance times: 1:00-3:00, Refreshments & Social Hour: 3:00-4:00) at NORTH BERKELEY SENIOR CENTER, Multi-purpose Room, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. 9/6 feature: BRITT PETER, preceded & followed by OPEN MIC in your own style and form: Poetry, Song, Dance, Storytelling, Music, You Name It ...! Program may be filmed/archived. For more info, contact SYLVIE CARBERRY (510) 280-5258.

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Wednesday, September 6, 7:00-9:00 PM: ALAMEDA ISLAND POETS (every 1st Wednesday of the month) at FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St., Alameda. 9/6 features *Writers Who Dance, Dancers Who Write*: WANDA INGMIRE, ALISHA RODRIGUES, NATICA ANGILLY, SOPHIA MOORE, LOYWANNER HADDADOU, NANETTE DEETZ, RONDA HOLLIE, TAKAKO MIYASHITA, ALYZA LEE SALOMON, CATHY DANA. A break with light refreshments follows, then an OPEN MIC. All are welcome. Hosted by NANETTE DEETZ. For more info, contact: CATHY DANA (AIP Pres.) [cathydana@gmail.com](mailto:cathydana@gmail.com) / NANETTE DEETZ (AIP Vice-Pres.) [nanettedeetz@comcast.net](mailto:nanettedeetz@comcast.net) / Website: <http://www.alamedaislandpoets.org/> / <http://www.frankbettecenter.org/alameda-island-poetry-reading.html>

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Wednesday, September 6., 7:00-9:00 PM: PANDEMONIUM PRESS presents poets/writers TERRY LUCAS, BRUCE BAGNELL, MARY MACKEY, and MK CHAVEZ read from their new and upcoming books at THE OCTOPUS LITERARY SALON, 2101 Webster St., Oakland (x st. 22nd). There will also be an OPEN MIC; you can sign up either at [pandemoniumpress@gmail.com](mailto:pandemoniumpress@gmail.com) or at 6:45 pm on the night of the reading. Admission is free, although donations are happily accepted. Hosted by LEILA RAE. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1937744583104557/>

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Every Wednesday, 7:00 PM sign-up: OPEN MIC & FEATURE POETS at SACRED GROUNDS CAFE, 2095 Hayes at Cole, San Francisco: (415) 387-3859. Hosted by: DAN BRADY email: [creative1@creativeideasforyou.com](mailto:creative1@creativeideasforyou.com) / <https://www.facebook.com/groups/203539673028715/>  
You can also view in for the live streaming: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/sacred-Grounds-café>  
Also, Dan has an ongoing invitation for GUEST CO-HOSTS who'll assist as they wish or can. Contact him if interested.

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Friday, September 8, 7:00-9:00 PM: CYRUS ARMAJANI & MAW SHEIN WIN will read their poetry at NEFELI Caffe, 1854 Euclid Ave., a little north of Hearst, in Berkeley, as part of the LAST WORD READING SERIES (happening every 2nd Friday of the month). Cafe phone is (510) 841-6374. There is also an open reading. Admission is free, but a one-drink or one-plate minimum is suggested. DALE JENSEN, RALPH DRANOW, JOHN ROWE, GRACE GRAFTON are co-hosts. [rowepoet@yahoo.com](mailto:rowepoet@yahoo.com)

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Saturday, September 9, 5:00-7:00 PM: *RANDOM ACTS* Open Mic at READERS' BOOKS, 130 E. Napa St., Sonoma, CA - Tel: (707) 939-1779 (Come a little early to Sign Up.)

Random Acts at Sonoma's Readers' Books on 2nd Saturdays was created in order to pay for the expense of creating an outdoor "reading patio" at the rear of the bookstore. This open microphone continues to

slowly reduce the "Readers' Patio" bill month by month as well as adding a place at which local writers can voice four and a half minutes' worth of work to an enthused audience.

For the cost of five dollars, a writer or musician is able to listen to the best which her/his contemporaries can deliver as well as being able to deliver to that audience her/his own material.

Random Acts saves a bookstore, creates a lit-space, and warms an audience. For further info, contact: Catherine Sevenau: [RandomActs.Sonoma@gmail.com](mailto:RandomActs.Sonoma@gmail.com)

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Saturday, September 9, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY, PROSE & MORE Series (2nd Saturdays) at FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St., Alameda. 9/9 Features: EANLAI CRONIN & ELANA DYKEWOMON followed by OPEN MIC. Facilitated by JEANNE LUPTON & hosted by DEBORAH MEDVICK. Donations welcome. For more info, email: [jeany98@aol.com](mailto:jeany98@aol.com) / website: <http://www.frankbettecenter.org/poetry-at-the-bette.html>

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Saturday, September 9, 7:00-10:00 PM: AVONOVA, 417 Avon St., Oakland, presents DAVID ERDREICH's 5TH ANNUAL POETRY/JAZZ INTERFACE SHOW. \$20 admission. For more info and to RSVP: <http://avonovamusic.com/poetryjazz-interface/>

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Sunday, September 10, 3:00-5:00 PM: VALONA DELI 2ND SUNDAY POETRY SERIES, 1323 Pomona St., Crockett, CA. 9/10 Features: ERICA GOSS & KLIPSCHUTZ (aka KURT LIPSCHUTZ) with OPEN MIC following after break. Hosted by CONNIE POST. Stay after the reading for live music with the TERRY HENRY JAZZ TRIO. Email for info: [connie@poetrypost.com](mailto:connie@poetrypost.com) / website: <http://poetrypost.com/valona-deli-events/>

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Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 PM: NOT YET DEAD POETS SOCIETY, meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month, invites you to an unforgettable evening of poetry at THE MAIN GALLERY, 1018 Main St., Redwood City, near the NW corner of Middlefield & Main. 9/13 Feature(s): TBA with OPEN MIC to follow. A donation to The Gallery would be appreciated. For more info, contact PATRICK DALY: [dalymuse@sonic.net](mailto:dalymuse@sonic.net)

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Thursday, September 14, 6:00-8:00 PM: Inauguration of San Francisco's 7th Poet Laureate KIM SHUCK at SAN FRANCISCO MAIN LIBRARY'S KORET AUDITORIUM, 100 Larkin St., San Francisco. <https://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1024431501> / <http://www.kimshuck.com/>

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Thursday, September 14, 6:30-7:50 PM: POETRY PROGRAM on 2nd Thursdays at the CLAREMONT BRANCH of the BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2940 Benvenue Ave., Berkeley. (510) 981-6280. Bring in a favorite poem to share and if you write poetry, bring one of your own too. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library. <https://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/events/poetry-circle-claremont-2>

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Thursday, September 14, 7:00-9:00 PM: The ALAMEDA ISLAND POETS FREE "POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP" at the FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St. (at Lincoln), on the second Thursday each month. (Please enter through the side door on Lincoln.) Free-write periods (of 10-20 minutes with themes and/or prompts) end with participants sharing their work with minimal feedback; or with specific feedback they request. Light refreshments. Workshop coordinators are MARILYN FLOWER & MARY LOUGHRAN. Any member may present an evening. Sign up to lead at some future date. Contact info at (510) 522-0511 / <http://www.frankbettecenter.org/alameda-poetry-writers-workshop.html>

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Friday, September 15, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY READINGS every 3rd Friday of the month at EXPRESSIONS GALLERY, 2035 Ashby Ave., Berkeley (1/4 block from Ashby BART). 9/15 Features: TBA followed by an OPEN MIC. <http://www.expressionsgallery.org>

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Saturday, September 16, Noon-4:00 PM: 24th Annual DANCING POETRY FESTIVAL at the Florence Gould Theater in the California Palace of the Legion of Honor Art Museum in Lincoln Park, San Francisco. <http://www.dancingpoetry.com/home.html>

Congratulations to the 2017 Dancing Poetry Contest Winners:  
<http://www.dancingpoetry.com/dancingpoetry2017/dpf17winners.html>

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Saturday, September 16, 7:30-9:30 PM: The POETRY SERIES (last Saturday of the month, typically, but this month it's the 3rd Saturday) at FLOREY'S BOOK COMPANY, 2120 Palmetto Ave., Pacifica. Program begins with OPEN MIC followed by a break with light refreshments, then Featured Poets: LISA ROSENBERG (new Poet Laureate of San Mateo County) and NAN COHEN. Series coordinated and hosted by SHERRI ROSE-WALKER: [sherrirose-walker@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrirose-walker@hotmail.com)

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Sunday, September 17, 11:00 AM – 7 PM: The 22nd Annual PETALUMA POETRY WALK.  
<http://petalumapoetrywalk.org/>

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Monday, September 18, 6:00-9:00 PM: 6:00-9:00 PM: CLARION MUSIC CENTER is the home of SAN FRANCISCO POETRY OPEN MIKE PODCAST TV SHOW, produced by JOHN RHODES. The show is co-hosted by CLARA HSU since 2009. Each show has two featured poets – 9/18: TBA -- and the show is taped the 3rd Monday of each month to be aired on Channel 29.

SPECIAL EDITION with STEPHEN KOPEL & JOAN GELFAND: Stephen & Joan discover and feature many known and hidden talents in the Bay Area. Their segments are presented on youtube.

Bring a poem and join our OPEN MIKE. It will also be seen on youtube.

<http://clarionmusic.com/poetry/>

Also, please consider making a donation to Clarion's fundraiser for live theater stage lighting:  
<https://www.gofundme.com/live-theatre-stage-lighting>

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Tuesday, September 21, 6:30-9:00 PM: (3rd Tuesday each month) COASTSIDE POETRY READING AND OPEN MIC NIGHT at CAFE SOCIETY in HALF MOON BAY. Doors open at 6:30 PM, with featured readers starting at 7 PM. 9/21 Features: TBA. Cafe Society, 522 Main St., Half Moon Bay. For more info, contact: RYAN WARREN [r\\_p\\_warren@yahoo.com](mailto:r_p_warren@yahoo.com) / <https://www.facebook.com/coastsidepoetry>

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Saturday, September 23, 2:00 PM: THE INA COOLBRITH CIRCLE (meets monthly, Saturdays, September through May) at Lafayette / Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Dr., Lafayette. Featured reading/program followed by OPEN MIC for ICC members and guests, then refreshments and social.  
[www.coolpoetry.org](http://www.coolpoetry.org)

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Saturday, September 23, 3:00-5:00 PM: Join us the 4th Saturday of the Month for LA PALABRA MUSICAL / THE MUSIC OF THE WORD (still in English, Spanish, Spanglish y Lo Que Sea) and always the Word Party to remember! No Cover. Hosted by Avotcja (Donations accepted & don't forget to bring your Congas, Guiros, Maracas, Panderetas etc.) 9/23 Features: GAIL MITCHELL (Poet/Jeweler), EDWIN LOZADA (Filipino Poet), TUREEDA MIKELL (Storyteller/Poet, TONY ROBLES (Afro-Filipino Poet). At CESAR E. CHAVEZ BRANCH, Suite 271, OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3301 East 12th St. @ 33rd Ave. (1/2 block North of Fruitvale BART & 1 block South of International) (510) 535-5620.

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/cesar-e-chavez-branch/la-palabra-musical-music-word> or [www.Avotcja.org](http://www.Avotcja.org)

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Monday, September 25, Doors open 7 PM; show begins at 7:30 PM: BAY AREA GENERATIONS presents an intergenerational literary series featuring readers of different generations performing their work in tandem. Bay Area Generations accepts submissions at any time for possible inclusion in the next month's show. For the upcoming show, all submissions received no later than September 1st will be considered for Edition #49 on 9/25 in San Francisco (venue TBA) -- Guest Curator: DANIEL ARI. Submissions received after 9/1, will be considered for the October show at THE BELLEVUE CLUB, Oakland. Please note that returning performers are welcome. Submit as often as you like:

<https://bayareagenerations.com/how-to-submit/guidelines/>

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<http://www.sfpeaceandhope.com/>

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LINKS TO BAY AREA CALENDARS OF POETRY/LITERARY EVENTS:

<http://litseen.com/bay-area-literary-calendar/>  
[www.sfheart.com/ArtPoetryEvents.html](http://www.sfheart.com/ArtPoetryEvents.html)  
[http://www.creativeideasforyou.com/OPG\\_Cal\\_List.pdf](http://www.creativeideasforyou.com/OPG_Cal_List.pdf)  
<http://www.avotcja.org/ongoing-poetry-readings.html>  
[www.poetryflash.org/calendar/](http://www.poetryflash.org/calendar/)

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CALIFORNIA POETS website <http://californiapoets.net> (launched January 2015 by JANNIE DRESSER). Contact & Guidelines for Submissions: [http://californiapoets.net/contact\\_guidelines\\_for\\_submission](http://californiapoets.net/contact_guidelines_for_submission)

Jannie also offers Bay Area salons/classes/workshops.

For more info, email: [janniedres@att.net](mailto:janniedres@att.net)

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SOME INTERNET RADIO PROGRAMS FOR POETS AND WRITERS:

<https://sites.google.com/site/bayareapoetscoalition/Home/internet-radio-poetry-programs>

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NEW BOOKS by BAPC MEMBERS

(announcements posted for 3 consecutive months; 1 listing per member per year):

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*Breaking News 45!* -- JEANNETTE DESBOINE delivers a pounding lyric essay inspired by the 45th president of the United States. Available at [https://www.amazon.com/Breaking-News-45-Jeannette-DesBoine/dp/1544768745/ref=asap\\_bc?ie=UTF8](https://www.amazon.com/Breaking-News-45-Jeannette-DesBoine/dp/1544768745/ref=asap_bc?ie=UTF8)

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*Tripping With the Top Down* by ELLARAIN LOCKIE: a hand-stitched 44-page chapbook of poems, recently released by FootHills Publishing: <http://www.foothillspublishing.com/2017/lockie.html>

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*What We Claim...What We Are* by political and human nature satirist GARRETT MURPHY. In this collection of works, Murphy explores and lays bare one's perceptions, ideals and realities in the never-ending dispute between the American (and World) dream, its perceived reality and its true reality. \$10.95 (\$10.00 at readings). Available through Amazon.com or by the link [www.createspace.com/6865890](http://www.createspace.com/6865890)

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[ Members, email your book info to [poetalk@aol.com](mailto:poetalk@aol.com) ]

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